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Editorial

Senator Hruska's Timely Advice

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A timely reminder that we are now at war with Soviet Russia was sounded in the U. S. Senate on May 4 when Sen. Roman L. Hruska of Nebraska, warned that the Communist campaign to win the minds of the world's youth is now in full progress in educational institutions.

Calling specific attention to facts on Communist action in the world's schools as documented by the inspector general of the Central Intelligence Agency, Senator Hruska warned his colleagues that they should not harbor the illusion that Communist efforts in education are confined to countries within the Red bloc. He said:

"Throughout the world there is ample evidence that the Communists are determined to win the youth as the first step in winning the world. *** Lenin wrote: 'Give us the child for eight years, and it will be a Bolshevik forever.' (Lenin) also noted: 'He who has youth, has the future.' "

There is no doubt, the Nebraska Republican emphasized, "that the United States is a major target of this Communist offensive in education." One need only consider the Communist-inspired riots of May, 1960, in San Francisco and the subsequent

supporting of the rioters by students and others to realize the seriousness of the problem Senator Hruska outlined when he recalled to mind the recent statement of Gus Hall, general secretary of the Communist Party of the United States, that there is a "misleading of Marxist—and Socialist—oriented ~~people~~ campuses in all parts" of the United States.

Pres. Clark Kerr of the University of California told newsmen recently that although he could not pinpoint Communists as the organizers of pro-Castro rallies, it was obvious to him that an apparatus was used to bring about "the very quick organization that took place." President Kerr was referring specifically to the pro-Castro demonstrations by students of several colleges in the San Francisco area following the invasion landings in Cuba by anti-Communist forces.

"This did not just happen," the UCLA president declared.

Edward Pauling, chairman of the California State Board of Regents, told newsmen that it appears UCLA has been selected by the Soviet Union for exploitation "because of UCLA's important contributions to national defense—notably in the field of nuclear physics." "The Soviet Union Pauling said, is trying to exploit the university's name in every possible way to give its subversive movement among students a national forum.

The San Francisco area demonstrations present an ugly picture of the kind of Communist activity in education to which Senator Hruska refers.

After describing the techniques by which the Communists force and induce teachers to toe the ideological line, Senator Hruska emphasized that one of the ways that the Free World can meet the challenge of the Communist offensive in education is by giving American students "more education on the whole history of the Communist movement."

"We should not be afraid to teach the subject," Hruska said.

WE SINCERELY HOPE THAT SENATOR HRUSKA'S TIMELY ADVICE WILL BE CONSIDERED BY OUR LAWMAKERS IN CONCORD WHEN THEY GIVE CONSIDERATION TO SEN. LAURIER LAMONTAGNE'S BILL TO REQUIRE NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS TO TEACH A COURSE ON THE DANGERS OF COMMUNISM.